

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

<p>In re:</p> <p>SSE Intermediate, Inc.,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Debtor.</p> <p>Tax I.D. No. 85-1321772</p>	<p>Chapter 11</p> <p>Case No. 24-11052 (___)</p>
<p>In re:</p> <p>SSE Buyer, Inc.,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Debtor.</p> <p>Tax I.D. No. 85-1305901</p>	<p>Chapter 11</p> <p>Case No. 24-11053 (___)</p>
<p>In re:</p> <p>Supply Source Enterprises, Inc.,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Debtor.</p> <p>Tax I.D. No. 46-4500842</p>	<p>Chapter 11</p> <p>Case No. 24-11054 (___)</p>
<p>In re:</p> <p>Impact Products, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Debtor.</p> <p>Tax I.D. No. 34-1967450</p>	<p>Chapter 11</p> <p>Case No. 24-11055 (___)</p>
<p>In re:</p> <p>The Safety Zone, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Debtor.</p> <p>Tax I.D. No. 06-1444597</p>	<p>Chapter 11</p> <p>Case No. 24-11056 (___)</p>

**DEBTORS' MOTION FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING
JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEBTORS' CHAPTER 11 CASES**

Supply Source Enterprises, Inc. (0842); SSE Intermediate, Inc. (1772); SSE Buyer, Inc. (5901); Impact Products, LLC (7450); and The Safety Zone, LLC (4597) (collectively, the “Debtors”) seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Proposed Order”), directing the joint administration of the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (these “Chapter 11 Cases”) for procedural purposes only. In support of this motion (this “Motion”), the Debtors respectfully state as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (this “Court”) has jurisdiction over these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, property of the Debtors’ estates, and these matters under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012. This is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A).

2. Pursuant to rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Local Rules”), the Debtors consent to the entry of a final judgment or order with respect to this Motion if it is determined that this Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

3. Venue of these Chapter 11 Cases in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

4. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the “Bankruptcy Code”), rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Local Rule 1015-1.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

5. On the date hereof (the “Petition Date”), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made, and no official committees have been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.

6. The Debtors are leading distributors of branded and private label personal protective equipment and janitorial, safety, hygiene, and sanitation products. The Debtors’ key products fall into the categories of gloves, core cleaning, safety, and food service. Working directly with suppliers and vendors in in the United States and Asia, the Debtors source, supply, and ship their products to a diverse customer base, including janitorial and sanitation providers, supply distributors, safety products resellers and wholesalers, and food service and food processing distributors and retailers. Additionally, the Debtors offer advanced customization capabilities, hot stamping, pad printing, and silk-screening labeling services for unique design, logo, or packaging specification requested by customers.

7. Additional factual background regarding the Debtors, including their business operations, their corporate and capital structure, and the events leading to the filing of these Chapter 11 Cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Thomas Studebaker in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* (the “First Day Declaration”), which is incorporated herein by reference.¹

¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration.

RELIEF REQUESTED

8. The Debtors seek entry of the Proposed Order pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b), and Local Rules 1015-1 and 9013-1(m): (a) directing the joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases for procedural purposes only and (b) granting related relief. Specifically, the Debtors request that the Court maintain one file and one docket for all of these Chapter 11 Cases under the case of Supply Source Enterprises, Inc., and that these Chapter 11 Cases be administered under the following caption:

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

Supply Source Enterprises, Inc., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11054 (____)

(Jointly Administered)

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 proceedings, together with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Supply Source Enterprises, Inc. (0842); SSE Intermediate, Inc. (1772); SSE Buyer, Inc. (5901); Impact Products, LLC (7450); and The Safety Zone, LLC (4597). The Debtors' headquarters are located at 385 Long Hill Road, Guilford, Connecticut 06437.

9. The Debtors further request that this Court order that the foregoing caption satisfies the requirements set forth in section 342(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.

10. Additionally, the Debtors request that the Court make a separate docket entry on the docket of each of the Debtors, other than that of Supply Source Enterprises, Inc., to reflect joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases:

An order has been entered in accordance with rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and rule 1015-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware directing joint

administration for procedural purposes only of the chapter 11 cases of: SSE Intermediate, Inc. (1772); SSE Buyer, Inc. (5901); Impact Products, LLC (7450); and The Safety Zone, LLC (4597). All further pleadings and other papers shall be filed in and all further docket entries shall be made in Case No. 24-____([____]), which should also be consulted for all matters affecting this case.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

11. Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) provides, in relevant part, that “[i]f . . . two or more petitions are pending in the same court by or against . . . a debtor and an affiliate, the court may order a joint administration of the estates.” Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(b). Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code empowers the Court to “issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of [the Bankruptcy Code].” Accordingly, the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules authorize the Court to grant the relief requested herein.

12. In addition, Local Rule 1015-1 provides in relevant part as follows:

An order of joint administration may be entered, without notice and an opportunity for hearing, upon the filing of a motion for joint administration pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015, supported by an affidavit, declaration or verification, which establishes that the joint administration of two or more cases pending in this Court under title 11 is warranted and will ease the administrative burden for the Court and the parties. An order of joint administration entered in accordance with this Local Rule may be reconsidered upon motion of any party in interest at any time. An order of joint administration under this Local Rule is for procedural purposes only and shall not cause a “substantive” consolidation of the respective debtors’ estates.

Del. Bankr. L.R. 1015-1.

13. As described in the First Day Declaration, the five Debtors are “affiliates” as defined in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Moreover, given the integrated nature of the Debtors’ operations, joint administration of the Chapter 11 Cases will promote the economical and efficient administration of the Chapter 11 Cases by avoiding the substantial time and expense required in preparing, replicating, filing, and serving duplicate motion, notices, applications, and

orders, and will ease the administrative burden for the Court, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the “U.S. Trustee”), and other parties in interest.

14. Moreover, joint administration will not adversely affect the Debtors’ respective constituencies because this Motion seeks only administrative, not substantive, consolidation of the Debtors’ estates. For example, creditors may still file claims against a particular Debtor or its estate (or against multiple Debtors and their respective estates), and the Debtors will maintain separate records of assets and liabilities. Parties in interest will not be harmed by the relief requested; instead, parties in interest will benefit from the cost reductions associated with the joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases is in the best interests of their estates, their creditors, and all other parties in interest.

15. For these reasons, the Debtors respectfully submit that the relief requested herein is necessary, appropriate, and in the best interests of the Debtors’ estates and creditors.

NOTICE

16. Notice of this Motion will be provided to the following parties or their respective counsel: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the holders of the thirty (30) largest unsecured claims against the Debtors on a consolidated basis; (c) the DIP Lender; (d) the Prepetition Secured Parties; (e) the Internal Revenue Service; (f) the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Delaware; (g) the state attorneys general for all states in which the Debtors conduct business; and (h) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. As this Motion is seeking “first day” relief, within forty-eight (48) hours of the entry of an order with respect to this Motion, the Debtors will serve copies of this Motion and any order entered with respect to this Motion as

required by Local Rule 9013-1(m). The Debtors respectfully submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no further notice is necessary.

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CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that this Court enter the Proposed Order, substantially in the form annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: May 21, 2024
Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Proposed Order

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<p>In re:</p> <p>SSE Intermediate, Inc.,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Debtor.</p> <p>Tax I.D. No. 85-1321772</p>	<p>Chapter 11</p> <p>Case No. 24-11052 (___)</p>
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**ORDER DIRECTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION
OF THE DEBTORS' CHAPTER 11 CASES**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)¹ of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an order (this “Order”), (a) directing joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases for procedural purposes only and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of these Chapter 11 Cases is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors’ notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein and that such relief is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT,

1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.
2. All objections to entry of this Order, to the extent not withdrawn or settled, are overruled.
3. The Chapter 11 Cases are consolidated for procedural purposes only and shall be jointly administered under Case No. 24-11054 (___).

¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

4. The caption of the jointly administered Chapter 11 Cases shall read as follows:

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Supply Source Enterprises, Inc., <i>et al.</i> , ¹	Case No. 24- 11054 (____)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)

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5. The foregoing caption satisfies the requirements set forth in section 342(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

6. The Clerk of the Court shall make a docket entry in each of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases, except that of Supply Source Enterprises, Inc., substantially similar to the following:

An order has been entered in accordance with rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and rule 1015-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware directing joint administration for procedural purposes only of the chapter 11 cases of: SSE Intermediate, Inc. (1772); SSE Buyer, Inc. (5901); Impact Products, LLC (7450); and The Safety Zone, LLC (4597). All further pleadings and other papers shall be filed in and all further docket entries shall be made in Case No. 24-11054 (____), which should also be consulted for all matters affecting this case.

7. The Debtors shall maintain, and the Clerk of the Court shall keep, one consolidated docket, one file, and one consolidated service list for these Chapter 11 Cases, with the assistance of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent that will be retained by the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases.

8. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order shall be deemed or construed as directing or otherwise permitting the Debtors to file consolidated schedules of assets and liabilities, statements of financial affairs, or monthly operating reports.

9. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order shall be deemed or construed as directing or otherwise effecting a substantive consolidation of these Chapter 11 Cases and this Order shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Debtors to seek entry of an order substantively consolidating their respective cases.

10. The Debtors are authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order.

11. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.